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**BROTHERS INDICTED ON CHARGES
THEY STOLE TIRES FROM CAR DEALERSHIP**

BROCKTON – A pair of brothers have been indicted on charges they stole several tires worth thousands of dollars from a Hanover car dealership, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Theodore Barboza (DOB: 02/15/69) of Brockton and Darren Barboza (DOB: 04/30/67) of Weymouth, were indicted today by a Plymouth County Grand Jury on one count each of Larceny Over \$250.

On March 2, 2015, a manager at Jannell Ford in Hanover reported to police that eight, 20-inch wheels and tires had been taken off of four new trucks parked in their Washington Street dealership. Investigators found that the trucks had been jacked up using a Ford-style jack and wooden blocks. Police valued the stolen wheels and tires at approximately \$1,000 each for a total of \$8,000.

One day later, Hanover Police learned from the Andover and Dedham Police Departments that they were also investigating similar thefts and had recovered four wheels that fit the description of those missing from Jannell Ford.

Hanover Police officers arranged to buy the tires from a Craigslist ad and met Theodore Barboza at the Dedham Mall. Theodore Barboza could not prove ownership of the tires and they were seized by Dedham Police. The parts manager from Jannell Ford was able to identify the recovered wheels as those taken from the trucks at Jannell Ford on March 1.

Further investigation revealed that the Barbozas allegedly used a minivan to drive around and locate dealerships to target and then returned to the dealerships after closing, to remove the wheels and tires from the vehicles. Hanover Police obtained a warrant for a GPS tracking device and on April 12, tracked the two Barbozas to a car dealership in Attleboro. Two pickup trucks were found on jacks with two wheels missing on each vehicle. Police stopped the Barboza's van a short time later. Inside they found four tires from the Attleboro theft and the same type of Ford-style jacks that had been left behind at Jannell Ford.

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The brothers will be arraigned at a later date.

Assistant District Attorney Shanan Buckingham is prosecuting the case, which was investigated by Hanover Police Department and Detective Stephen Moar.

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